[English]

Vacant Post

2291. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of Medical Officers (Rs 2200-4000) lying vacant in Central Health Service in Delhi Administration till date;

(b) the number of cases pending/rejected for change of allotment from the Ministry of Railways to CHS in Delhi Administration on the basis of the result of Combined Service Medical Examination 1994 held by UPSC;

(c) the reasons therefor whereas Ministry of Railways had no objection to the above change and there are also vacancies in CHS; and

(d) the time by which such cases for change of allotment in respect of Medical Officers of CSME 1994 are likely to be decided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALIM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). There are around 40 vacancies in the General Duty Sub-cadre of the Central Health Service in the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi according to the available information. Efforts are being made to fill up the same as early as possible by posting candidates from CMSE. 1995 batch.

Only one candidate of the Cambined Medical Services Examination 1994 (belonging to general category) who was allocated to Ministry of Railways made a request for re-allocation to Central Health Service in Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi i.e. Delhi Administration. While the Ministry of Railways had given their no objection in this case, one of the criteria for re-allocation of candidate is that the candidate should have been rank-wise eligible for allocation to the Service asked for by him/her. Hence, as the concerned candidate was far below in rank than the last candidate in general category allocated to Central Health Service, his request was not agreed to and he was informed accordingly.

Pending Applications at Regional Passport Office, Calcutta

2292. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that several applicants are not getting their passport from the Regional Passport Office, Calcutta;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of applications pending at the end of November, 1996;

(d) whether any steps have been taken for speedy disposal of these applications; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) There have been cases of delay in issuance of passports to some applicants by Regional Passport Office, Calcutta.

(b) The principal factors for delay are :-

(i) Receipt of negative or incomplete police reports;

(ii) Discrepancies/deficiencies in documents submitted by applicants;

(iii) Lack of response on time from applicants who were asked to submit additional documents.

(c) The number of applications pending at the end of November 1995 is 6,751.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. A special drive has been launched to speed up the disposal of applications and to clear the backlog. Additional 10 staff members were employed on a temporary basis for this purpose. Special efforts are being made to contact the applicants and request them to provide required information. The pendency of applications has come down from 18,610 in the beginning of July 1996 to 6,751 at the end of November, 1996.

Posting and Transfer in Marine Department

2293. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cochin Port Management has effected certain modifications in the transfer and posting code in the Marine Department;

(b) whether the Government had directed the Chairman, Port Trust, Cochin to discuss the issue with the Unions at various levels;

(c) the reasons for not discussing the issue with the Unions;

(d) whether the Unions representing Cochin Port have decided to resort to agitation in protest against arbitrary implementation of new code in posting and transfer in Marine Department;

(e) whether the Government are taking steps to arrange discussions as the issue to avoid agitation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) There is no prescribed transfer and postings code in Marine Department of Cochin Port Trust. The latest posting and transfer of parsonnel in the Marine Department was made with effect from 1.10.1996. In effecting the postings and